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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Planning and Resources Staff, DS&amp;T

FROM: 

Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT: FY 1987 Budget Reductions 

1. FBIS will cover the "revised option #6" reductions to its FY 1987 budget as follows:

Operations Group  
Engineering Support Group  
Production Group  
ROSET-INTERNET

Total

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2. Operations Group already faces serious shortfalls in FY 1987 funding for the delivery of foreign TV to DI analysts on a timely basis, establishment of a remote monitoring unit to improve coverage of the Philippines, urgent communications upgrades, consultant services to validate data to support foreign national wagescales in FBIS overseas bureaus, and vital operational travel. A  cut means eliminating some or all of the above projects. This reduction also would have a negative impact on field bureau planning for necessary security enhancements as well as improvements in monitoring capability through new technological developments. It would reduce FBIS flexibility to meet crisis situations requiring expanded coverage through antenna upgrades, establishment of remote monitoring facilities, and communications enhancements. The full impact of a  cut in bureau funds is further exacerbated by the fall in the value of the dollar in relation to most major world currencies in the period between the bureaus' original program plan submissions and FY 1987.

3. A  reduction in the Engineering Base will severely impact a number of already deferred support efforts, particularly the replacement program for old and obsolete equipment. Aging equipment and day-to-day maintenance requirements continue to consume the available Base resources usually at the expense of new items. Cutting the Engineering Base impacts across the board and clearly affects our ability to continue to support the timely and reliable delivery of field collected information to Headquarters.

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25X1 SUBJECT: FY 1987 Budget Reductions [REDACTED]

25X1 4. A loss of [REDACTED] in Production Group's contractual translation services in FY 1987 will seriously affect the production of intelligence from open source printed media at a time of increasing Community emphasis on such material. A reduction of this severity (some 35 million words) means curtailment of coverage that will include reporting on Soviet engineering, physics, and biomedical technology and on such current high interest topics as terrorism, arms control, technology transfer, and drug trafficking. This cut, following similarly severe cuts in FY 1986, presents the Agency with the danger of losing its unique "stable" of FBIS contract translators. [REDACTED]

25X1 5. The loss of [REDACTED] in the ROSET-INTERNET segment of the Modernization Program will defer West European Bureau equipment acquisition pending determination of actual site construction costs. The cut undoubtedly will result in split year (87-88) funding for the ROSET equipment and impact the activation schedule for INTERNET at the new bureau. Timely coverage of important European direct-broadcast satellite targets will be delayed. [REDACTED]

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